



By Rose King

Tuesday's Knox County Primaries will determine the candidates for the August General Election. The Republican nominee for mayor could very well be the mayor of Knox County for the next four years.

Current County Commissioner at Large Bob Thomas believes he has the business experience and commitment to the community to successfully lead the county. He says his experience in operating a successful business, working within budgets and meeting payrolls has helped him develop skills needed to manage Knox County's \$800M annual operating budget efficiently and effectively. He also pointed out that "working in the broadcasting industry for 30 years has added business management and communication skills that are essential to working with government agencies, organizations and citizens to achieve positive growth for Knox County."

Bob told The Focus, "As my dad always said, 'There is no teacher like experience.' I've owned a successful

# Early voting as heavy as expected

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The Republican Primary for Knox County Mayor and Sheriff drew twice

